

GOVERNOR JANE NELSON

THE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS ★ APRIL 3, 2004



First Family ★★★ ★★★ *Family First*



Mike and Jane Nelson are the proud parents of five children — Brian, 25; Elizabeth, 24; Christina, 22; Michelle, 20; and Jennifer, 18 — and a new grandson, Andrew. The Nelsons live in Denton County, where they are not only partners in parenthood but also partners in business. They own and operate Mayday Manufacturing Company, a company specializing in the manufacturing of precision aircraft components, founded by Mike's father, Jim Nelson, 38 years ago. The Nelsons are blessed with a loving and supportive extended family, including Jane's father, Robert Gray. Jane often speaks of the positive impact made by three strong women in her life- her mother, Edna Gray, Mike's mother, Marilyn Nelson, and grandmother Kittie Nelson. They taught the value of family, of faith, and of freedom.

Governor's Message

Dear Friends,

My family and I are so happy to welcome our friends, relatives, neighbors and fellow Texans to the State Capitol for this inaugural ceremony and festivities. We hope that you enjoy your visit! There is no place on earth like Texas. It is home to the strongest, most diverse and fiercely independent people in the world.

From the hustle and bustle of our Metroplex to the rugged quiet of the South Plains to the endless beaches of the Gulf Coast, the communities of our state weave together to form a pattern that is distinctly Texan. Representing the fast-growing communities of North Texas in the Texas Senate has been one of the greatest privileges and most rewarding experiences of my life. It has brought me in contact with men and women from all around our state with different backgrounds and unique life experiences. These relationships have deepened my appreciation for our state's colorful heritage. It is a great honor to become part of Texas history, and I would like to dedicate this day to all of my wonderful supporters and friends who have entrusted me to represent their priorities and values at the State Capitol. To them and to all Texans I pledge that I will faithfully fulfill my duties as governor of the best state in the greatest nation on earth.

Very truly yours,

Governor Jane Nelson

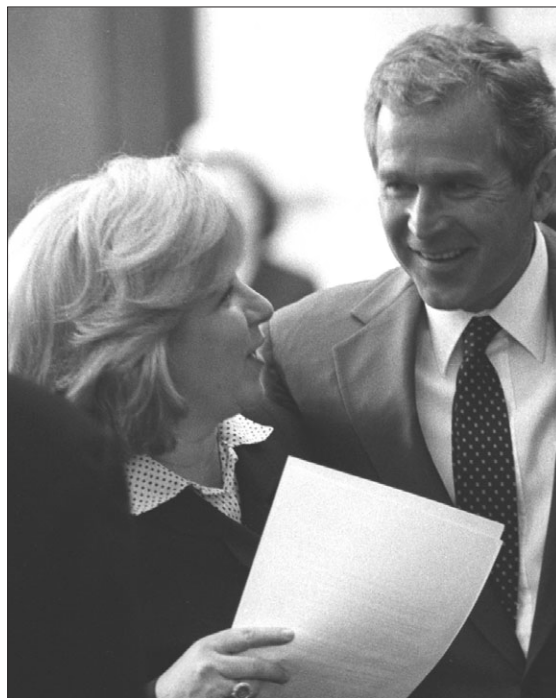
Governor Jane Nelson





“Laura and I are pleased to send our warmest greetings on your Governor for a Day celebration on April 3, 2004. I treasured every moment of my time as governor of the great state of Texas, and I hope you do the same. Best wishes!”

President George W. Bush



“One of the Legislature’s most effective members.”
2003 Capitol Inside



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Jane Nelson is a former public school teacher whose passion for education prompted her to run for the State Board of Education, serving two successful terms before being elected to the Texas Senate.

She is known for a conservative approach to government that is rooted in the belief that all power inherently comes from the people and that all of the government's resources belong to the people.

From her first Senate campaign to passionate floor debates, Jane Nelson is often described as a fighter. One of her colleagues, in fact, likened her efforts on behalf of her constituents to that of a "lioness" defending her young.

She led the fight to correct more than 5,000 errors in our public school history textbooks as a member of the State Board of Education and spearheaded efforts in the Legislature to dedicate lottery proceeds to education.

Her legislative accomplishments are numerous and cover a wide range of issues, most notably health care. She reformed our medical liability system, advocated HMO accountability, authored the Texas Medical Privacy Act and championed several children's health issues, including the state's ongoing effort to prevent obesity and discourage tobacco, drug and alcohol use.



She is also known for a warm personality, great sense of humor and an ability to relate to people from all walks of life. When she was nominated to the position of President Pro Tempore of the Senate, 22 of her colleagues in the Texas Senate – both Republican and Democrat – made speeches seconding her nomination.

"It is an honor to serve as President Pro Tempore of the Texas Senate, and I look forward to continuing our efforts to provide the best possible education to our children, make quality health care more accessible, grow our economy, improve transportation and strengthen families in every community of our state," Governor Nelson said.

BIOGRAPHY

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Name:

Jane Gray Nelson

Age:

40 and holding

Occupation:

Businesswoman, former teacher

Party:

Republican

Education:

Bachelor of Science, University of North Texas; Graduate Studies, Southern Methodist University

Public Office:

State Board of Education, 1988-92
Texas Senate, 1993 to present

District:

Senate District 12, including the growing communities of Tarrant and Denton counties

"One of the Senate's rising stars."

Dallas Morning News. 10/25/02

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*T*hroughout her career, Governor Nelson has received awards and recognitions from numerous organizations including:

American Cancer Society
 American College of Cardiology
 American Heart Association Texas Affiliate
 American Medical Association 2004 Nathan Davis Award
 for Outstanding Government Service
 Associated Republicans of Texas
 Christian Coalition
 Citizens for a Sound Economy - "Senator Nelson is a
 friend of the Taxpayer"
 Dallas Can Academy
 Denton County Friends of the Family
 Denton County Medical Society
 Mental Health Association in Texas
 Mothers Against Drunk Driving
 National Association of Social Workers - Denton Unit
 Public Citizen of the Year
 National Community Education Association
 National Rifle Association
 North Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians
 PediPlace Hero (Denton County Children's Health
 Provider)
 Professional Agriculture Workers of Texas
 Silver Spur Award - Texas Tourism Association
 Tarrant County Diabetes Collaboration & Community
 Coalition of Children's Health
 Tarrant County Fire & Arson Investigators Association
 Tarrant County Senior Services - 2003 Citizen of the Year
 Texas Association of Business - "Senator Nelson is a
 Fighter for Free Enterprise"
 Texas Association of Healthcare Financial Administrators
 Texas Association of Marriage & Family Therapists

Tarrant's Most Influential Women in Business Award
Business Press of Tarrant County

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"Over the past ten years, Senator Nelson has played an exemplary role, passing sweeping legislative reforms that guarantee all Texans access to quality and affordable health care."

Dr. Charles Bailey, President of Texas Medical Association

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Texas Academy of Family Physicians
 Texas Chiropractic Association
 Texas Council on Family Violence - Legislative Leadership
 Award
 Texas Eagle Forum
 Texas Extension Homemakers Association
 Texas Fire Chiefs Association
 Texas Hotel & Motel Association
 Texas Medical Association - "Senator Nelson is Texas'
 Best Medicine"
 Texas Public Policy Foundation
 Texas Right to Life Thomas Jefferson Award
 Texas School Health Association
 Texas State Rifle Association
 Texas Society of Pathologists
 Texas Vocational Technical Association
 Texas Workforce Commission
 The Women's Shelter
 Vocational Home Economic Teachers Association of Texas
 Women's Shelter of Arlington Award
 Young Conservatives of Texas - Seven times named "Most
 Conservative"

"No State Senator has represented north Texas more ably during the past 10 years than Republican Jane Nelson."

Fort Worth Star-Telegram, 10/19/02

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P R O G R A M

Inaugural Ceremony, April 3, 2004

10:00 am	Pre-Inaugural Music	University of Texas Longhorn Band
	Master of Ceremonies	Senator John Whitmire <i>Dean of the Texas Senate</i>
11:00 am	Honor Guard	Ross Volunteers, Texas A&M University
	Inaugural Procession	
	Invocation	Dr. Jim P. Ozier <i>Pastor, Trietsch United Methodist Church</i>
	Color Guard	Texas National Guard
	Pledge of Allegiance	Walter James Gray VI
	National Anthem	Sarah Tedesco
	Remarks	The Honorable Michael Burgess <i>United States Congress, District 26</i>
	"God Bless America"	Grace Durant
	Remarks	Bernie Francis
	Administration of Oath	The Honorable Nathan L. Hecht <i>Texas Supreme Court</i>
	Nineteen Gun Salute	Texas Army National Guard
	Introduction	The Honorable Florence Shapiro <i>Texas Senate, District 8</i>
	Inaugural Address	Governor Jane Nelson
	Recessional	
	"March Grandioso," "The Eyes of Texas"	University of Texas Longhorn Band
Noon - 1:30 pm	Reception	Governor's Reception Room, Capitol Building
Noon - 3:00 pm	Barbecue & Entertainment	Capitol Grounds
Noon - 5:30 pm	Tours of Capitol and Texas State History Museum	



Senator Nelson was elected President Pro Tempore of the Texas Senate on June 2, 2003.

The duties of the President Pro Tem are to fulfill the office of Lieutenant Governor or Governor if one or both are out of state or otherwise vacate their position. Tradition calls for the President Pro Tem to be sworn in as Governor for a Day.

The First Family of Texas



On April 3, 2004, the Nelsons become the first family from Denton County to be dubbed “First Family of Texas.” After being sworn in as Governor Jane Nelson, one of her first official acts is to name today’s Senator for Senate District 12. That title will be bestowed upon her husband of 28 years, J. Michael Nelson. Pictured right, meet the First Family of Texas — (from left) Jennifer, Michelle, Brian, Christina, Elizabeth, Governor Jane Nelson, and Senator Mike Nelson.

